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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS: BO ADOLFSSON, ARVID LUNDSTROM,
ARNE SANDELL, OSTEN NYHOLM, JAN-ERIK ERENIUS, ALF HASSELGREN

1. REQUEST CU/IVP/V SEEK ASSISTANCE OF ILAB/LABOR DEPARTMENT
IN ARRANGING A PROGRAM FOR THE ABOVE GROUP OF SIX VISITORS.
GROUP PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND DEPART
NEW YORK CITY THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 1. NO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
IS REQUIRED. ILAB SHOULD RESERVE SINGLE ROOMS AND MAKE
APPROPRIATE AIRLINE RESERVATIONS FOR TRAVEL WITHIN US. VISITORS
WILL CARRY OPEN TICKETS WITH AN AMERICAN AIRLINE FOR DOMESTIC
TRAVEL. ALL POSSESS ADEQUATE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.

2. GENERAL PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO STUDY AMERICAN SOCIAL
SECURITY SYSTEM, NEGOTIATED UNION-MANAGEMENT AND UNILATERAL
COMPANY PENSION PLANS AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF RETIRED PEOPLE.

3. BACKGROUND: IN ADDITION TO A STATUTORY PENSION PROGRAM,
BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS IN SWEDEN HAVE BEEN PROTECTED SINCE 1973
BY SUPPLEMENTARY PENSIONS NEGOTIATED THROUGH COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING BETWEEN THE SWEDISH CONFEDERATION OF TRADE
UNIONS (LO) AND THE SWEDISH EMPLOYERS CONFEDERATION (SAF).
THE LATTER ARE INSURED BY LABOR MARKET INSURANCE, PENSION
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INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD. (AMF) WHICH IS JOINTLY OWNED BY LO
AND SAF. AMF IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SWEDISH STAFF PENSION
SOCIETY (SPP), A MUTUAL INSURANCE SOCIETY WHICH FOR 60
YEARS HAS BEEN PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY PENSIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

4. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BO ADOLFSSON - AGE 40. ON LO STAFF WITH SPECIAL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PENSION PROGRAM. HE IS MEMBER OF THE
AMF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ARVID LUNDSTROM - AGE 60. ON LO STAFF. HE IS CONCERNED
WITH LIVING CONDITIONS OF RETIREES.

ARNE SANDELL - AGE 43. SAF DIRECTOR AND SPECIALIST IN
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. MEMBER OF AMF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

OSTEN NYHOLM - AGE 57. EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, SPP.

JAN-ERIK ERENIUS - AGE 40. VICE-PRESIDENT, AMF.

ALF HASSELGREN - AGE 39. MANAGING DIRECTOR, AMF.

5. WITH REGARD TO SOCIAL SECURITY AS WELL AS SUPPLEMENTARY
PENSION PLANS, GROUP IS SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING
ASPECTS: PLAN STRUCTURE, FINANCING/INVESTMENTS, ADMINISTRATION,
FUND MANAGEMENT, TYPES OF BENEFITS, TRANSFERABILITY, VESTING,
STATE LAWS, TRENDS, INFORMATION/SERVICING, COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENTS, CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS.

6. AS CONCERNS LIVING CONDITIONS OF RETIRED PEOPLE,
GROUP IS INTERESTED IN PREPARATIONS FOR RETIREMENT,
HOUSING, RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES, FINANCIAL SITUATION,
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7. GROUP HAS PROPOSED FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

SEPTEMBER 11 - ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON

COMMENT: VISITS TO LABOR DEPARTMENT, HEW, SSA IN BALTIMORE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS.

SEPTEMBER 14 - EVENING DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK CITY

COMMENT: GROUP WISHES 2 DAYS FOR APPOINTMENTS AND 2 DAYS OF FREE TIME. APPOINTMENT WITH AN INSURANCE COMPANY SPECIALIZING IN NEGOTIATED PLANS FOR PURPOSE OF STUDYING TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, RETIREES AS WELL AS OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS. ALSO, AN APPOINTMENT WITH A BANK SPECIALIZING IN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS (IRAS). OTHER APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS AS TIME PERMITS.

SEPTEMBER 18 - DEPARTURE FOR DETROIT

COMMENT: VISIT TO UAW FOR DISCUSSION OF PENSION SCHEMES. VISIT TO LARGE AUTO PLANT TO STUDY HOW COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT IS ADMINISTERED BY LOCAL UNION AND MANAGEMENT, PARTICULARLY GRIEVANCES, PENSION ARRANGEMENTS, HEALTH AND SAFETY.

SEPTEMBER 20 - DEPARTURE AFTERNOON OR EVENING FOR CHICAGO

COMMENT: VISIT TO AMALGAMATED MEATCUTTERS AND BUTCHER WORKMEN OF NA AND LARGE MEATPACKING PLANT FOR SAME PURPOSES AS IN DETROIT.
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SEPTEMBER 21 - LATE EVENING DEPARTURE FOR SEATTLE

COMMENT: VISIT TO BOEING PLANT WHICH GROUP UNDERSTANDS HAS SPECIAL POST-RETIREMENT WORK PROGRAM.

SEPTEMBER 22 - LATE EVENING DEPARTURE FOR SAN FRANCISCO

COMMENT: ONLY APPOINTMENT GROUP WANTS IN THIS AREA IS WITH IBM ON SEPTEMBER 27 IN EITHER PALO ALTO OR SAN JOSE IN ORDER TO STUDY TRENDS IN DEVELOPMENT OF EDP. REST IS FREE TIME.

SEPTEMBER 27 - EVENING DEPARTURE FOR RETIREMENT COMMUNITY IN ARIZONA TO STUDY LIVING CONDITIONS AS INDICATED ABOVE.

SEPTEMBER 29 - MORNING DEPARTURE FOR NEW ORLEANS

COMMENT: WISHES ONE APPOINTMENT TO STUDY PENSION AND LOCAL WELFARE SYSTEM IN RELATIVELY POORER STATE (AS COMPARED TO NEW YORK, FOR EXAMPLE). REST IS FREE TIME.

SEPTEMBER 30 - EVENING DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK CITY WHERE GROUP WILL LEAVE FOR STOCKHOLM THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 1.

PROGRAMMING OFFICER IS FREE, OF COURSE, TO ALTER PROPOSED ITINERARY
SOMEWHAT IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT MORE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM. HOWEVER,
GROUP DESIRES TO LEAVE UNCHANGED PERIOD OF FREE TIME SEPTEMBER
23-26 IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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